

*A Service Of*  
**Celebration and Thanksgiving**  
*For The Life*  
*Of*

*Bishop Walter B. Houston, Sr.*



*Thursday, July 10, 2003*  
*11:00 A.M.*

*Harvey Convention Center*  
*Tyler, Texas*

*Bishop J. Neaul Haynes,*  
*Officiating*









*Bishop Walter B. Houston, Sr.*



## Obituary

**Bishop Walter B. Houston**, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Sr. was born September 21, 1907 in Tyler, Texas, he was chosen by God at an early age, receiving the Holy Ghost at the age of (8) years old; he was destined to reach high pentacles in God.

He received his formal education at Jones Valley School. At age nineteen he met and married Ceaugry Scott from Mt. Pleasant, Texas. To this union ten children were born.

He became a member of The Jones Valley Church Of God In Christ under the Auspices of the late Rev. Fred Daniels, being faithful to God, he realized there was a call on his life, playing the guitar and singing, wherever he sang it was with the anointing of God and something always happened. He was mentored by the late Bishop S. D. Lee and traveled many places with him. He found himself yielding to the will of God. God led him into the fields where the harvest was plentiful; he began to reap the harvest.

To his surprise there was a word deep within him burning to be preached-and preach he did. God gave him to establish a work to do- he had to do it himself. God gave him to establish a work located at the corner of Nutbush and North Tenneha under a brush arbor in 1930 with only his family members, mother, wife, brother and cousins. Later his first new members were, Bro. Lectoy and Sister Adell Johnson (*who are currently wonderful members*).

Bishop Houston began to speak and God began to bring things to pass. God gave him the initiative to purchase land to build a church mostly with his own hands for the saints. God began adding members to the church. The word of God was preached without fear or favor. He began to go into other cities in Texas and establish a work. A Macedonia call for help led him to Whitehouse, County Line, Athens, Carthage, Center and Texarkana.

Bishop Houston loved people and gave his time when he was needed. He helped many young people and gave them a purpose in life sending promising young people to college. He only asked them to live holy. Many traveling ministers were housed in his home. His legacy will live forever. There are seventy-two years of faithfulness and dedication to his acclaim, Pastor, Chairman of Ordination Board, Superintendent and Bishop.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ceaugry Houston, a daughter, Johnnie Spigner: He is survived by; his wife, Maudie V. Houston; one brother, Rev. Alexander Houston (*Vickey*) of San Francisco, CA; five sons, Walter B. Houston (*Margaret*) of Dallas, TX, Roy Lee Houston (*Erma*) of Tyler, TX, Robert Houston (*Robbie*) of Hawthorne, CA, Bishop David R. Houston (*Lillian*) of Tyler, TX, Rev. Arthur Houston (*Margie*) of Los Angeles, CA; four daughters, Lola B. Coulter of Carson, CA, Dorcas Miller of Tyler, TX, Gladys Mosley Porter of Carson, CA and Mary A. Stabler of Rowland Heights, CA; twenty-seven grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

*"For He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith;  
and much people was added unto the Lord."*

Acts 12:24





# Order of Service

*Dr. Clarence Robinson, Presiding*

Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Selection.....Texas Northeast Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional State Choir

Scripture:

Old Testament.....Supt. G. Walker

New Testament.....Supt. F. L. Mitchell

Prayer.....Supt. N. Howard

Selection.....Texas Northeast Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Choir

Resolutions.....Houston Temple Church Of God In Christ  
Tyler, TX  
First Church of God In Christ, Carthage, TX

Remarks.....**Mrs. Bobbie Mitchell**  
*Mineola District*  
**Mother Lina B. Leavell**  
*Supervisor Department of Women*  
*Texas N.E. Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

Hymn.....Congregation  
"Saved, Saved!"

Tributes/Resolutions.....Board of Bishops, Church of God In Christ  
**Bishop L. T. Walker, Chairman**  
*Texas Inter-Jurisdictional Council of Bishops*  
**Bishop W. H. Watson, Chairman**  
*Texas Northeast Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*  
**Supt. M. R. Timmons, Executive Secretary**

Special Remarks.....Elder Alexander Houston, (Brother)

Reading.....Retha Spigner Sanders (granddaughter)

Selection.....Texas Northeast Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional State Choir

Eulogy.....Bishop J. Neaul Haynes  
*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church of God In Christ, Inc.*

Final Tribute.....John R. Harmon Directors

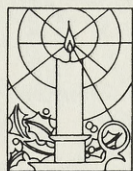
Recessional





*"Being respected is more important than having great riches.  
To be well-thought of is better than silver or gold."*

Proverbs 22:1

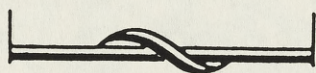


## **Acknowledgement**

*The family of Bishop W. B. Houston would like to express our sincere thanks for the invaluable support given by the members of Houston Temple and First Church Of God In Christ through the years. We are aware of all the kind acts and sacrifices you made during this time. We are deeply grateful. Our gratitude to all of the family and friends who have supported us. Your prayers, cards, floral arrangements, personal visits, food, telephone calls, telegrams and other thoughtful expressions during this time have been a comfort and a source of strength to us.*

*May God Bless Each of You.*

**The Houston Family**





## PALLBEARERS

*Walter Houston, Jr.  
Roy Houston  
Robert Houston*

*Rev. J. Granberry  
Rev. Arthur Houston  
Robert James Houston*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Deacons of Houston Temple Church Of God In Christ  
&  
First Church Of God In Christ, Carthage, Texas*

## FLOWER BEARERS

*Friends of the Family*

## INTERMENT

*Jones Valley Cemetery  
Tyler, Texas*



*John R. Harmon*



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# 160 Saved, Saved!

*Unison*

1. I've found a friend who is all to me, His  
 2. He saves me from ev - 'ry sin and harm, Se -  
 3. When poor and need - y and all a - lone, In

love is ev - er true; I love to tell how he  
 cures my soul each day; I'm lean - ing strong on his  
 love he said to me, "Come un - to me and I'll

lift - ed me, And what his grace can do for you.  
 might - y arm; I know he'll guide me all the way.  
 lead you home, To live with me e - ter - nal - ly."

*Harmony*

Saved by his pow'r di-vine, Saved to new life sub-lime!  
 Saved by his pow'r, Saved to new life,

Life now is sweet and my joy is com-plete, For I'm saved, saved, saved!